

1998 PUBLIC AND LOCAL ACTS

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[No. 412]

(SB 152)

AN ACT to amend 1980 PA 350, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of nonprofit health care corporations; to provide their rights, powers, and immunities; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state officers relative to the exercise of those rights, powers, and immunities; to prescribe certain conditions for the transaction of business by those corporations in this state; to define the relationship of health care providers to nonprofit health care corporations and to specify their rights, powers, and immunities with respect thereto; to provide for a Michigan caring program; to provide for the regulation and supervision of nonprofit health care corporations by the commissioner of insurance; to prescribe powers and duties of certain other state officers with respect to the regulation and supervision of nonprofit health care corporations; to provide for the imposition of a regulatory fee; to regulate the merger or consolidation of certain corporations; to prescribe an expeditious and effective procedure for the maintenance and conduct of certain administrative appeals relative to provider class plans; to provide for certain administrative hearings relative to rates for health care benefits; to provide for certain causes of action; to prescribe penalties and to provide civil fines for violations of this act; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," (MCL 550.1101 to 550.1704) by adding section 401f.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

550.1401f Health care corporation; access to obstetrician-gynecologist. [M.S.A. 24.660(401f)]

Sec. 401f. (1) A health care corporation certificate that requires a member to designate a participating primary care provider and provides for annual well-woman examinations and routine obstetrical and gynecologic services shall permit a female member to access an obstetrician-gynecologist for annual well-woman examinations and routine obstetrical and gynecologic services.

(2) A health care corporation shall not require prior authorization or referral for access under subsection (1) to an obstetrician-gynecologist who participates with the health care corporation. A health care corporation may require prior authorization or referral for access to a nonparticipating obstetrician-gynecologist.

(3) A description of the benefit provided by this section shall be included by the health care corporation in a communication sent to the individual or group purchaser of coverage.

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